Statement of Purpose (SOP)

Motivation Letter

What is SOP?

It is a reflection of your personality, interests, career path, activities and academic interests.

What to include in your SOP?

1. Introduce yourself in one paragraph
2. Say why do you choose this country to continue your study at
3. Say why do you choose this university to continue your study at
4. Say why do you choose this major to continue your study in
5. What additions are you going to make for this institution
6. What this institution will add for you?
7. What plans do you have to advance the work?
8. What passions do you have to work or study with this institution?

1. Introduce yourself, your interests and motivations, this should be short and to the point; don't spend a great deal of time on autobiography. (the first paragraph)

2. Summarize your undergraduate and previous graduate career, include if you participate in an academic projects, Indicate with whom, the title of the project, what your responsibilities were, and the outcome. Also, important paper or thesis project you completed would be useful. Besides, Work experience, especially if you had any kind of responsibility for testing, designing, researching or interning in an area similar to what you wish to study in graduate school. (Second paragraph)

3. Say why do you choose this particular country (mention its position in the world; politics and economics wise) to continue your study at, or to work in. Why to choose this particular city (say historical information) and above all

why to choose this particular university to attend. You may say something regarding its rank, academic reputation, facilities provided for the students…etc. Then say what the university will add to you, and how your study will help you support your home country and society.

4. Elaborate on your academic interests. Here you indicate what you would like to study in graduate school in enough details to convince the faculty that you understand the scope of research in their discipline, and are engaged with current research themes.

Format

An ideal essay should say everything it needs to with brevity. Approximately 500 to 1000 well-selected words (1-2 single space pages in 12 point font) is better than more words with less clarity and poor organization.